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NEW POLICE STATION PLANNED - MAYBE

Wilmington's Fire-Police Station, now 2½ years old, received severe treatment at the hands of the Board of Selectmen, in their Monday night meeting, as plans were made to either enlarge it, or build a new police station. The Selectmen adopted a resolution unanimously declaring that a state of emergency existed, and asking the state for authority to borrow money, with which to provide new facilities.

The resolution moved by Selectman E. Hayward Bliss, after a long discussion read:

'Whereas: Because in the opinion of the Board of Selectmen an emergency exists in the Town of Wilmington because of the total lack of proper police facilities in the present police-fire station, and

Whereas: The growth of the town constantly expands the scope of this emergency,

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen petition the State Emergency Finance Board for authority to borrow money in excess of the debt limit, in an amount not to exceed $50,000, for the purpose of construction and originally equipping additional police facilities.'

Police Chief Paul Lynch was present during the first part of the discussion, a discussion which found unanimity among the entire group, as to the bad situation in the police Station. Lynch stated that no one knew where the septic tanks were located, and that he believed that no one knew who owned the land. In this he was corrected by the TM, who said that the town owned the land, but that some one else owned a right of way through the building.

Selectman Nicholas DeFelice commented on the falling floor upstairs, and the construction of the building and called the building 'The Biggest Waste of Money the Town ever Had!' He went on to describe the crowded conditions, in which the police could get no room or privacy for their work, a statement with which the Chief of Police agreed. 'In the old building, bad as it was, we had the advantage of much more privacy'

Lynch also described a visit of the District Attorney, Geo. A. Thompson. The noise in the station was such, Lynch said, that it was practically impossible for the two men to conduct any business. White material, which fell from the ceiling made Thompson's coat turn white, material which fell because of the constant

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MISS HEART APPEAL MAKES A VERY APPEALING VALENTINE
SEEMING TO BE ALMOST A DOLL, MISS MARY BAUER, MISS HEART APPEAL OF 1956, WATCHES THE DANCERS, AT THE CHILDREN'S HEART APPEAL DANCE, IN THE SILVER LAKE BETTERMENT LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON. IN THE FOREGROUND MISS NANCY WEINBERG DANCES WITH A FRIEND. THE SATRUDAY AFTERNOON DANCES HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY POPULAR WITH THE YOUNGER SET.

RETARDED CHILDREN DISCUSSION NEXT TUESDAY IN HIGH SCHOOL

The problem of retarded children is to be explored, in the Parent Teacher Association meeting, next Tuesday evening, in the Wilmington High School auditorium. Dr. Nicholas Wells senior supervisor of the Division of Special Education, Massachusetts Department of Education will be the principal speaker of the evening and his talk is to be followed by by a discussion period.

Mrs. Audrey Ring, Middlesex Avenue, Chairman of the Program Committee has stated that Dr. Wells' visit to Wilmington is a challenge to the people of the town. 'What are we doing for our mentally retarded children?' she has asked. 'Do you know?'

READING HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS VICTORS IN WILMINGTON

In their first appearance, the newly formed debating Club of Wilmington High School met defeat at the hands of a just as new debating club of Reading High, last Friday. The debate took place in the Wilmington High School auditorium, before the faculty and students of the school.

Participating for Wilmington were William Williams and Martha Boyle, both seniors, Linwood Kemp, a freshman. In the Reading team were Judy Wilkinson and Allan Castine, both Juniors, and Nancy Luther a sophomore. The Moderator was Miss Janet Carlson, of Reading.

The subject of the debate was 'Should 18 year old citizens of the United States have the right to vote?' Wilmington had the affirmative side, and Reading the negative.

The judges were Harold Bishop, of the Reading Chronicle, Simon Cutter, Town Moderator of Wilmington, and Capt. Larz Neilson of the Town Crier.

Other debates are now being planned, with Tewksbury and Stoneham being mentioned as future contestants. The debating society is a part of the English studies in the school.

WINTER CARNIVAL ENJOYED BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Harold MacFee and Nancy Anderson were named 'King and Queen' of a Winter Carnival, held in the High School Gymnasium, on January 21st, with Freida Shapherd, Paul McMullin, Wilma Jones and Earl Hubbard chosen to be the attendants. Chosen by the chaperones, the King and Queen, and their attendants were crowned by Al Mitchell, well known entertainer, who, with Manuel's Black add White Orchestra provided the entertainment for the evening.

Miss Louise Carnes was the Mistress of Ceremonies, and General Chairman, and chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DeFelice, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Lunch, Mrs. John Imbimbo and Mrs. Charles Crotty.

The carnival, first of its type, was sponsored by the High School Student Council, for the purpose of promoting fellowship and school spirit among the students.

WILMINGTON'S POLIO PROGRAM

The Board of Health has many problems to solve, before the Salk Vaccine program can be started this Spring. Vaccine will be available to all children between the ages of 6 months and 15 years, sometime this spring, and, in addition, to all expectant mothers. The Board of Health must first prepare a complete program, which must meet State Board of Health approval, before the vaccine will be available.

Plans are being made, at the present time, to have every available child innoculated with two injections before July 1, 1956. It is believed that there will be about 1900 children in the Wilmington Public Schools, and 1356 preschool children, in the program this year. Complicating this particular phase of the picture is the fact that some Wilmington children attend school in other towns and cities.

The 456 children who received their first innoculation last year will receive their second this year, but this too has complications. Over 40 of those children have moved to other towns, and will have to be traced by the School Authorities. About an equal number have moved into town, and the School Authorities will have to make certain that these have already had their first innoculation.

The Board of Health emphasises that they will need volunteer assistance, from Registered Nurses, or from ladies with nursing assistance, in order to carry out the entire program.

Expectant mothers will also receive free Salk vaccine. They will be required to have a physician's certificate or note, to the effect that they are eligible. The vaccine will be administered either in the clinic, or by the personal physician of the person, in which case the vaccine will be furnished free, but there is expected there will be the ordinary charge for the innoculation.

It is hoped to innoculate the 456 children of last year's program, with their second injection either in the last week of February or very early in March.

OLIVIA H. NORCROSS

Miss Olivia H. Norcross, a member of one of the oldest families of Wilmington, died suddenly at her home, 11 Shawsheen Avenue, last February 15 in her 70th year.

The daughter of the late Daniel and Ida (Gowing) Norcross, she was born in North Billerica, and was a member of the first class to graduate from Howe High, in that town. She was the first baby to be delivered y Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell, well known Wilmington physician.

Miss Norcross was the granddaughter of Daniel Gowing, the last lockkeeper of the Middlesex Canal locks at Shawsheen Avenue. He moved part of the old Canal House across the street, to make the home in which Miss Norcross lived and died. Her first Wilmington ancestor was John Gowing, who built what is now the Andersen farmhouse, on Park Street, at about 1710.

Miss Norcross served on the Wilmington School Committee for four years. She taught first grade school in Somerville until her retirement a few years ago, and has since been conducting a kindergarten in her home. For some years she conducted the kindergarten classes in the Wilmington Congregational Church. She was a member of Acacia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Wilmington Women's Club.

Surviving are a sistier, Mrs Frank Furlan of Middleboro, four neices and two nephews. Funeral services were held in the Nichols Funeral Home last Saturday, with the Rev. Stanley Cummings officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetary.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Town Manager Calls Elections Popularity Contests

Refering to your recent letter to Patrick Henry in the Town Crier-you comment on some remarks by our Town Manager at a recent meeting. Quote 'Today in Wilmington when somebody is elected to office--that somebody has just won a popularity contest'. 'Does that shock you?' Yes, it does and it should shock you! I've known you for 30 odd years and I knew and worked for your father. Your father, a naturalized citizen, was a great American. He had a deep conviction for our democratic rights and seemed ever ready to express his opinions in the exercise of our Freedoms. With such a birthright as you undoubtedly obtanned from your father, how can you possibly agree with the Town Manager's statement?

Our local hot-bed of Pro-TM's seem to realize that our TM has practically committed political suicide because of his statements on elections being popularity contests. When I contacted some people who were present at the Meeting when this statement was made, either they had 'just stepped out of the room', or they had 'heard the statement but couldn't be sure that the TM had made the statement'. I'm glad that I finally have verification from the Town Crier. Even you have had the forethought to bring this statement to the attention of your readers and attempt to lessen this insult to the people of Wilmington.

Unlike you, I helped to vote in the TM government--now having seen it in operation and having realized what I have surrendered in Rights I am ready to discard to for an American form of government.

Your arguments on inexperienced office seekers seems by double talk to insult our present candidates for office who are new to politics and thus persuade the voters to return those already in office. Unless it is your intention to have appointed offices in the State and Congress, where are our elective officers to gain experience? You say why practice on Wilmington! We have had some poor town officials without doubt and at times we have not exercised our voting rights in a judicial manner but at least we had Americanism! The complexities of administering our town are not so great that men in our community cannot quickly grasp it's problems and thus gain your 'experience'.

I am not a proponent of running the Town from a little black book on a railroad train. I am for a return to the old form of government to make null and void our present Town Charter. It must be accomplished this year otherwise we must wait another 3 years before the issue can again be taken before the voters. Once we have returned to elective officers, it will be obvious that we must have an Agent, Executive Secretary, or even a Town Manager to run the town and carry out the politics of the Selectmen. As far as I'm concerned this person could be Joe Courtney, but without appointive authority, and the Town Charter. With our officers elected by ballot we could again control our town through votes and the ordinary man and woman would again have a voice in their affairs.

In your letter to patrick you have also refered to the many many accomplishments of our Town Managers; most of these would have come to Wilmington anyway. Times have changed, people are moving to the country, industry is following, community spirit runs high, and progress comes to all communities. Let's not say the Town Manager has done it! We can and will do these same things and more with elective officials. Take our own school committee--look at the great improvement in school facilities in teaching, and the type of education Wilmington now has- And let's not say that the school committee hasn't been solely responsible for these great advances.

The Ghost of Patrick Henry
(Still kicking)

Dear Patrick:

First of all, our sincere thanks for the kind words about the father of the publisher of this paper. We hope that our convictions are just as sincere, and just as true. While the reading public still does not know who you are, we can say that you were one of the coming generation who always ranked very highly, in his eyes.

We would gather from your latest letter that you might want to advocate an Executive Secretary type of Government for Wilmington. There is a lot to be said for such a government, but we personally feel that the thing to do this year is to vote NO, and then make changes in our charter to correct the sore spots. We have corrected one sore spot, that of the power of transfer by the Town Manager. We can correct others, just as well.

No government is better than the people who run it, and it is essential that those people be morally honest and square. We have had officials in Wilmington who could not so qualify, both before and since we voted the Town Manager plan. It is one of the things that we can say in favor of Joe Courtney, that is, in our belief he is morally honest and sincere. perhaps if we felt otherwise we would be on your side of the fence, instead of sort of perching on top.

You like ourselves are concerned with the democratic approach to government, with the participation of the electorate to the greatest possible extent, and with the political education of our people.

If we should vote out the Town Manager plan this spring, we would return to a system that was not exactly satisfactory to our mind. We often had trouble in just getting candidates, for the various offices, as you can well remember, during the fifteen years between 1935 and 1950. We voted out the Caucus, which was a means of getting candidates, because of the disrepute with which that instrument had fallen, in larger cities. We waited for people to step forward, and volunteer for office, and the result was such that often there was only one candidate for any particular post. There wasn't much choice theee for the electorate.

As we have said, appointing officers is not essentially and finally democratic, but under the present Town Manager we have had a larger participation in town affairs by the citizens than at any time in the last twenty years. That is an accomplishment. It is true that some John Doe might be overlooked, but we have a lot of James, and Williams, and other Does in the town now who would never have stepped forward under the 'Nomination Papers' plan.

It is a rough and confused problem, but we are going to vote No, and retain the present Town Charter.

CIVICS AND OUR STUDENTS

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

INVITES PROPOSALS

For furnishing and installing pumping equipment, piping, electrical work, etc., in the Town of Wilmington, Mass. A bond of not less than the amount of the contract, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work, will be required.

The office copy of the contract for the work may be seen and the proposal to be used may be obtained at the office of Whitman & Howard, Engineers, 89 Broad Street, Boston, upon the deposit of $10.00. Said deposit will be refunded if such documents are returned in good condition at or before the time for opening bids.

The proposal must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an envelope addressed to the Town Manager, Wilmington, Mass., endorsed with the name and address of the bidder and 'Proposal for Furnishing and Installing Pumping Equipment, etc.', and left with a certified check for $600.00 payable to the Town of Wilmington, Mass., at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Mass., before 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, Thursday March 8, 1956; this check to be the property of the said Town if the bidder fails to execute the contract and satisfactory bond within five days after the contract may have been awarded to him.

Attention is called to the fact that minimum wage rates are established for the project as set forth in the contract documents.

Proposals filled out and left with check, as above directed, and no other, will at the above hour and place be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal he deems best for the Town.

The bidder shall start the work under this contract within ten (10) calendar days after its acceptance by the Town Manager.

No proposal may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days of the opening of bids.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASS.
By its Town Manager
Joseph F. Courtney.

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday Mar. 1, 1956 at 8:00 pm on the request of John S. Allen, of Woburn Street, to sell a piece of land with less than 125 feet frontage.

Walter L Hale Jr.
Secy, Board of Appeals

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The average parent, no matter how hard he tries, always feels a gulf between himself and his child, as far as school matters are concerned. The parent is prone to worry lest the child is not taking full advantage of the educational opportunities offered in the schools, and is also just as prone to suspect that the educational opportunities are being fritterec away by too much activities of a type that wasn't prevelant when he himself was a youngster.

We know more than one parent who wonders if: for instance, his child is getting a full knowledge of the government of his country, his state and his town. We can include ourselves in that category.

Last Friday it was our good fortune to be a judge, in a debate between Wilmington and Reading High Schools. It was the first debate that either school had had, and the subject was whether or not 18 year old people should be allowed to vote. We voted for Reading, as did the other two judges, because they had done a masterly job of presenting their arguments.

The thing thwt impressed us, however, was the grasp of Civics, as we know the subject, that both teams displayed. If these youngsters were a cross section of our schools, we will gladly cross off the subject of Civics, as one over which we should worry.

POLICE STATION
(From Front Page)

movement of men upstairs.

Mrs. Drew, chairman of the Board, spoke briefly of a new building, to which De Felice objected: 'Two Buildings! Two sets of plumbing systems! Two heating plants! No!'

It was at this time that Town Manager Joseph Courtney advanthe idea of going to the Emergency Finance Commission for the right to borrow additional funds. As the conversation developed it was felt by some of those present that another building could be built, in back of the present station, on a projection of Olson Road, and that this building could not not only house the police station, but become in the future a part of a new Town Hall.

It was proposed to have a Building Committee appointed, in the annual Town Meeting, at the time when Article 39 came up for action. This committee would be composed of several persons, one of whom would be the Chief of Police.

After this the Chief left, happy in the thought that he would be getting a new station Selectman Black was checking the law, o the Emergency Finance Commission. When the Selectmen had reassembled De Felice again brought up the question of 'Two buildings, two heating plants' and the result was a further discussion about the possibility of expanding the present building. It was agreed that new facilities were needed, and just what would be a question to be solved by the Building Committee.

Other Business

An application for a Sunday license for a Wilmington store was denied. The Selectmen approved, by a three to one vote the proposal of Repr. Frank Tanner for an office of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, in Woburn. Black dissented, 'Already spending too much of the taxpayer's money!'

The Selec men voted to 'Lay out' Lawrence Street and Lawrence Court, for acceptance in Town Meeting, in accordance with the Betterment Act.

A letter was received from James P. Kelley, for the Wilmington Rotary Park, Inc. asking that a permit be issued for a festival during the week of July 2 - 7 1956.

A short discussion about land near Border Avenue. Harold McKelvey had asked the board, on Dec 19th. that this land be rezoned as a business district as it had been, prior to the rezoning. The Board at that time had been sympathetic to McKelvey's request, and a promise to bring the matter to attention of the Planning Board. There had been an oversight, but as Bliss expressed it 'We definitely did not commit ourselves' It was decided to again refer the rezoning to the Planning Board, for action at a future Town Meeting, if McKelvey still deres it.

CAFETERIA MENU WEEK OF FEB 27

MONDAY: Baked Macaroni and Cheese with Tomatoes, pork Luncheon Loaf, Buttered Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Cookies and Milk

TUESDAY: Savory Meat Loaf with Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Buttered Peas, Bread and Butter, Grapefeuit Sections, Milk

WEDNESDAY: Dagwood Juniors, Potato Chips, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Butterscotch Pudding, Milk

THURSDAY: Pork Chop Suey, Buttered Rice, Fried Noodles, Bread and Butter, Gingerbread and Whipped Cream, Milk.

FRIDAY: Apple Juice, Egg Salad Roll, Parsley Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Jello Milk.

ST. DOROTHY'S TO HAVE DINTY MOORE DINNER MARCH 17TH

St. Dorothy's parish is planning a 'Dinty Moore' dinner, for St. patrick's Day. The dinner will be in the Parish Hall, on Main Street. Chairlady is Mrs. Thomas Carroll, assisted by a committee which includes Mrs. Charles Englert, Mrs. Thomas Daly, Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Mrs. Patrick Aspell, Mrs. Michael Connolly, Mrs. William Tattersall, Mrs. Alley Riley, Mrs. Harry McKay, Mrs. John Elliot, Mrs. Ernest Crispo, Mrs. Walter Casey, Mrs. Albert Hartmann, Mrs. Sadie Mullen, and Walter Byron.

MARIE DEC BECOMES BRIDE

Last Saturday, February 18th, at Saint Thomas Church, Miss Marie Catherine Dec was united in marriage at a two o'clock ceremony by Father Reagan to Mr. Donald C. Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eaton of Ballardvale Street. Miss Dec, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Dec of 136 Salem Street, was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. A. Makerwicz, and was gowned in a long lace dress with a chapel train. Her veil of plain tulle was attached to a beaded crown and she carried a prayer book with a white orchid.

The maid of honor was Miss Margaret Bourassa and the groom's best man was his brother Mr. 'Babe Eaton'.

Mrs. Esther Shelley provided appropriate wedding music on the organ and also sang 'Mother at Thy Feet We're Kneeling'.

A Reception followed at the Grange Hall with a polish orchestra providing the dance music. Miss Beatrice Rose, a niece of the bride from Cambridge, took charge of the guest book.

As a going away ensemble, the bride wore a gray flannel dress with angora trim and a fitted red coat with black accessories.

After a week's trip to Maine by automobile, the newly married couple will return to their new home on Railroad Avenue.

The bride graduated from Wilmington High School and is a licenced practical nurse and received her training at the Tewksbury School of Nursing and is currently employed at the North Reading Sanitarium. Mr. Eaton served two years in the Army and now is also working at the North Reading Sanitarium.

MORE CELLARS RECEIVE BOARD OF HEALTH ATTENTION

The Board of Health has signed an order, giving a family of seven, who make their home in a cellar 30 days to make their home fit for human habitation. Patrick Thebeau, Agent, reported that an inspection last week revealed dirt floors, and other features which he considered unsatisfactory.

In another case a family was given two days, to remove a fire menace in their home, which is also a cellar.

GOING AWAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. George W. H. Fuller gave a buffet luncheon on Sunday, February 12th, for their son, Ronald Willard Fuller, who left last Thursday for Parris Island, South Carolina, to start his Boot training in the Marines. Friends were present from Wilmington, Wincheeten Woburn, Stoneham, Lowell and Tewksbury. Ronald is one of the Senior Class in the Wilmington High School.

FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING VERY QUIET

Only 27 persons bothered to attend the Finance Committee hearing, in Wilmington High School, last Thursdayk and the majority of those were town officers. There was no controversy, and practically the only person to talk before the Finance Committee was Town Manager Joseph Courtney.

WATER SHUT OFF IN 23 HOMES FOR NON PAYMENT

23 homes in Wilmington were without town water, on February 21st, because of old unpaid bills. The water department shut off the supply, after a two week notice. The total amount owed to the department was $1,320.94.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO: HARRY J. AINSWORTH, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON:

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Saturday, the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1956

at 9:45 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 10:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M., for the election of Town Offices:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot respectively for the following named Offices, to wit: Two Selectmen for the term of three years; two Members of the School Committee for the term of three years; one Member of the School Committee for the term of two years (to fill an unexpired term); one Moderator for the term of one year; one Member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for the term of five years; one Member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for the term of two years (to fill an unexpired term): and the following Questions:

QUESTION 1. Shall the acceptance by the Town of Wilmington of an Act passed by the Ganeral Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty, entitled 'An Act Establishing a Town M nager Form of Government for the the Town of Wilmington be revoked?

QUESTION 2 Will the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 48 of the Civil Service Law, Chapter 31 of the General Laws, with reference to the regular or permanent members of its Fire Force and the office of Chief of the Fire Department?

QUESTION 3 Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine entitled 'An Act Relative to the granting of vacations for members of the regular or permanent Police and Fire Forces in certain cities and towns' be accepted?

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington who are qualified to vote on elections and town affairs therein, to assemble subsequently and meet in Town Meeting at the High School Auditorium, Church Street, in said Town of Wilmington

on

Saturday, the 10th day of March A.D. 1956
at 1:30 P.M.

then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see how much money the Town will appropriate for the expenses of the Town and salaries of the several Town Offices, and Departments and determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue notes therefor payable within one year, all in accordance with Sections 4 and 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00) for the observance of Memorial Day and that the Moderator appoint a committee who shall arrange and have charge of such observance, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00) under the authority of Section 9, Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, for the purpose of providing suitable quartersfor the William F. Tattersall Chapter No. 106, Disabled American Veterans, located at Wilmington, Mass., or do anythingin relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00) for the purpose or renewing under authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of the Veter- the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00) for the purpose of renewing under authority of Section 9 of Chap ter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of the American Legion Clubhouse, Inc., in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post No. 136 of the American Legion or do anything in relation thereto

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appro priate the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) the money to be expended under the direction of the 4-H Town Committee, serving in co-operation with the Middlesex County Extension Service, under the provisions of Section 40 to 45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts or do anything in relation there. Request of the Wilmington 4-H Town Committee.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to install street lights in the following streets: Birchwood Road 3 lights, Border Avenue 2 lights, Cottage Street 2 lights, Fairmeadow Road 4 lights, Glenview Road 1 light, Gowing Road 2 lights, North Street 3 lights, Oakdale Road 3 lights, Oakridge Road 1 light, Pineview Road 1 light, Shady Lane Drive 4 lights, Virginia Road 5 lights.

ARTICLE 11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of a vehicle for the use of the Police Department and authorize the sale or turn-in of a present vehicle used by the Police Department, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of a front-end loader with back-hoe attachment, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of an ambulance, and authorize the sale or turn-in of a present ambulance, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 14 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the use of the School Maintenance Department, and authorize the sale or turn-in of a present vehicle used by the School Maintenance Department, or do anything in relation thereeto. Submitted by the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of previous years or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to name Swain School, for the old High School, out of respect for the many years of devoted service by the Misses Caroline and Henrietta Swain, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 42 G, 42 H, 42 I of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1955, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the levy of special assessments to meet the whole or part of the cost thereafter incurred of laying pipes in public and private ways for the conveyance or distribution of water to its inhabitants, and determine which of the methods provided by law for the apportionment of such assessments upon the several parcels of land receiving benefit shall be followed in making such levies or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter on specified streets in accordance with the recommendations of the Water Main Extension Advisory Committee, and determine how the appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. Request of the Wster Main Extension Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing water meters and fluoridation equipment by the Water Department, and determine how the appropriation shallbe raised, whether by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto Request of the Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 21. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches, but less than sixteen inches in diameter and for the development of additional well fields, including wells, pi tion equipment, and determine h raised, whether by taxation, by t by borrowing, or otherwise, or d to. Request of the Board of Wate

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town priate a sum of money for the chase or taking through the righ a new standpipe according to a the Town Clerk and for the erec site, and determine how the ap whether by taxation, by transf borrowing, or otherwise, or do a Request of the Board of Water Co

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town Board of Selectmen and the Town any time or from time to time by and on behalf of the Town upon sideration as in their judgement the Town, any portion or portio held by the Town, under Tax Ti from which it has been foreclos Street, being the property desc on a plan of the Woburn City L dated November 1, 1889 and reco trict Registry of Deeds, Book relation thereto. Submitted by t

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town w or transfer from available fund money for the purpose of acquir playground purposes, a parcel between Wildwood Street and Fed by Strout & Wing and described i of the Town Clerk, or do anythin

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town priate any sum of money for the vestigate and report at a subse later than the next Annual Town additional school accomodations, nembers for such committee and ho or do anything in relation there School Accomodations Committee.

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ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town sum of money for the preparatio school building on Town property the appropriation shall be rais transfer of available funds, by provide for its expenditure by t committee or otherwise, or do a Request of the Additional Schoo

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funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, for the purpose of constructing said way and for the payment of any damages resulting from the taking of land and slope easements and other easements therefore, or do anything in relation thereto. Petition of John W. Jenkins and others

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the purpose of oiling specified town public ways in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of selectmen or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the follow- Resolution, or take any action in relation thereto:
RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen shall layout and recommend streets for acceptance as Public Town Ways only under the provisions of the so-called 'Betterment Act' - except that the following specified private ways shall be exempted from the aforesaid provisions of this Resolution:
Dunton Road, Gowing Road, Oakridge Road, Chandler Road, Carolyn Road, Kelley Road, Ledgewood Road, Longview Road, Hilltop Road, Glenview Road, Meadow Lane, Lawrence Street, Lawrence Court, Fairmeadow Road, and be it further
RESOLVED: That said specified private ways shall be laid out and recommended for acceptance as Public Town Ways, and fully constructed with oiled surfaces, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, provided that legal releases, as approved by the Town Counsel, are obtained from all abuttors on said streets, and further provided that the sum of money to be appropriated for the construction of said streets in any given year shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the estimated revenue to be realized from one dollar of the peoperty tax rate, and be it further
RESOLVED; That nothing contained herein shall be construed to to discourage or prevent the abuttors on any of the aforesaid specified private ways from petitioning the acceptance under the provisions of the Betterment Act; and that, in the case of any such petition the street for which the petition is submitted shall receive priority, financial and otherwise, over all other of said specified streets for which petitions for acceptance under the terms of the Betterment Act have not been received by the selectmen

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Dunton Road as a Public Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board according to a plan filed with the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing said street, or o anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept Gowing Road as a Public Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board, according to a plan filed with the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing said street, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept Oakridge Road as a Public Town Way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board according to a plan filed with the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing said street, or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote that the terms 'Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics' appearing in chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913, the same being an Act providing for Compensation to 'Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics' injured in the course of their employment and accepted by the Town of Wilmington be made, under authority of Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936, to include all employees of the Town, regardless of the nature of their duties excepting only the members of the Police and Fire Forces.' Submitted by the Town Manager's Advisory Committee on Town Insurance.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) for the purpose of extending a fire alarm signal telegraph line from Church Street to the Brown's Crossing Pumping Station, and purchasing and connecting thereto fire alarm signal boxes, and purchasing and installing a fire alarm signal control board at the fire station or take any action in relation thereto. Submitted by the Chief of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 38. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate for the purchase of a Brush Fire Truck for the use of the Fire Department and authorize the sale or turn-in of a present vehicle used by the Fire Department, or do anything in relation thereto. Request of the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase or taking through the right of Eminent Domain land for an addition to the present Fire and Police Station for the purpose of expanding the facilities available to the Police Department and for the erection and originally equipping of said addition to the Fire and Police Station or take any action in relation thereto. Request of the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5 of its By-Laws by inserting as Section 35, Chapter 5, the following: 'No person, except an officer of the law, in the performance of his duties, shall enter upon the premises of another with the intention of peeping into the windows of a house or spying upon in any manner any person or persons therein. Any one found violating this By-Law may be arrested without a warrant,' or do anything in relation thereto. Request of the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5 of its By-Laws by inserting as Section 36, Chapter 5, the following: 'It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in a public roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the operator of any private vehicle. Penalty: a fine of not more than Five Dollars ($5.00) for each offense.' or do anything in relation thereto. Request of the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by extending the neighborhood business zone at the northeasterly corner of West and Lowell Streets easterly along Lowell Street 250 feet, with a depth not to exceed 280 feet and a total area of 60,000 square feet, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Minot J. Anderson and others.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing the Zoning District Classification fr Commercial to Industrial for that section of land bounded as follows: Beginning on the westerly side of Main street at the corner of Butters Row, thence northerly along Main Street about 1292 feet, thence westerly to the Boston and Maine Railroad, thence southerly by said railroad to Butters Row, thence easterly along Butters Row to the point of beginning, or do anything in relation. On petition of Roger T Hayden.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing that section of land starting at the corner of Main Street and Oakwood Road and running along Oakwood Road for a distance of 325 feet and thence turning and running towards Williams Street in a parallel line to Main Street for a distance of 100 feet, thence turning and running in a parallel line to Oakwood Road to Main Street, and thence along Main Street to Oakwood Road and point of beginning, so that the same shall be General Business District, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Isabel Cushing and others.

ARTICLE 45 To see if the Town will vote to change the Zoning Law by increasing the existing 600 foot distance between the northern boundary of the industrial zone and Suncrest Avenue, westerly from West Street and parallel with Sunceest Avenue, to 1000 feet, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Bertil I Skoglund and others.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of installing and constructing a limited sewerage disposal system in the interest of the public health; such sewerage system being described in a plan by George R Winters, Town Engineer dated October 6, 1955, and filed with the office of the Town Clerk, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the pick-up, removal and and disposal of rubbish from all dwellings in the Town of Wilmington, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair or reconditioning of the town clock or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Harland V. Whittredge and others.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the town clock, and determine how the same shall be disposed of, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Harland V. Whittredge and others.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the Congregational Church any land the Town may now own between the property of the church and the and the present line of Middlesex Avenue, comprised within the side lines of the present church property as extanded, and determine the price at which the same shall be sold, or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by Harland V. Whittredge and others.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by the right of Eminent Domain, for the purpose of constructing as a public way an extension of Garden Court according to and as described in a plan entitled 'Garden Court to connect Burt Street and Shawsheen Road' dated October 4, 1945, A.N. Eames, Engineer, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and to see how much money the Town will appropriate for said purpose and determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, from available funds by transfer, or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, or a certified copy thereof with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk as soon as may be, and before said meeting.
Given under our hands and seal of said Town this Day of February, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Six.

Wavie M. Drew

Charles H. Black

E. Hayward Bliss

Nicholas L. De Felice

Joseph H. Woods.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WILMINGTON'S OLDEST LADY?

Mrs. Marguerite (Hill) Benson was born in the City of Cork, in Ireland, 90 years ago, on Feb. 12, 1866. She has been a resident of Wilmington for the last 20 years, living in the home of her daughter Mrs. Martin T. Caughey, of Old Virginia Road (in the 'lost colony' up by the North Reading line).

She was 18 years old when she landed in Boston, on April 3rd 1883, and she had already had her fill of Ireland, so much so she says, that she never wanted to go back. She had worked six months as a domestic, and made a total of 10 shillings ($2.50) in that time

Her voyage to the United States was in the Scythia, a brand new ship of the Cunard Line, then making her maiden voyage. The voyage was supposed to take five days, but took eleven, because of rough weather. She was injured, when a door smashed the middle finger of her right hand, and she can still tell clearly the sequence of events.

'I was in the same room with a lady and her little daughter One day she wanted some water, for washing, so I got a little bucket, that held about a quart, and went upstairs for it. As I was coming down the ship gave a terrible lurch, and the door slammed on my finger. There was no doctor aboard, but a sailor ripped up a sheet, and my finger was bandaged with that.

When I landed in Boston my whole arm was sore, and it was up in my face too. My aunt took me to the City Hospital, and there the doctors wanted to cut off my finger, but my aunt wouldn't give them permission. The Cunard Line were willing to take me back to Ireland, but I didn't know. Then a young man, who was carrying a small black bag saw me, on the street, and he wanted to see my hand.

He was a doctor, and he took me to the City Hospital again. It was much smaller then, just a little two story building. I was crying, because the pain in my arm was so strong, but when I got into the hospital I was taken through a room where there were a lot of men, soldiers I guess, who had no legs or whose arms had been cut off so I stopped my crying.

The doctor took me into a room where there were a lot of doctors, and he let the hot water run from the faucet until the room was full of steam Then he thrust my arm into a basin of that water and asked me if I could feel anything, I couldn't. He kept my arm in the water for an hour and told me to come back next day. This kept up for about two weeks.

Then, one day when I put my arm in the water it really hurt, and I nearly jumped through the ceiling. The doctor smiled, and said that that was a very good sign, because life was coming back.

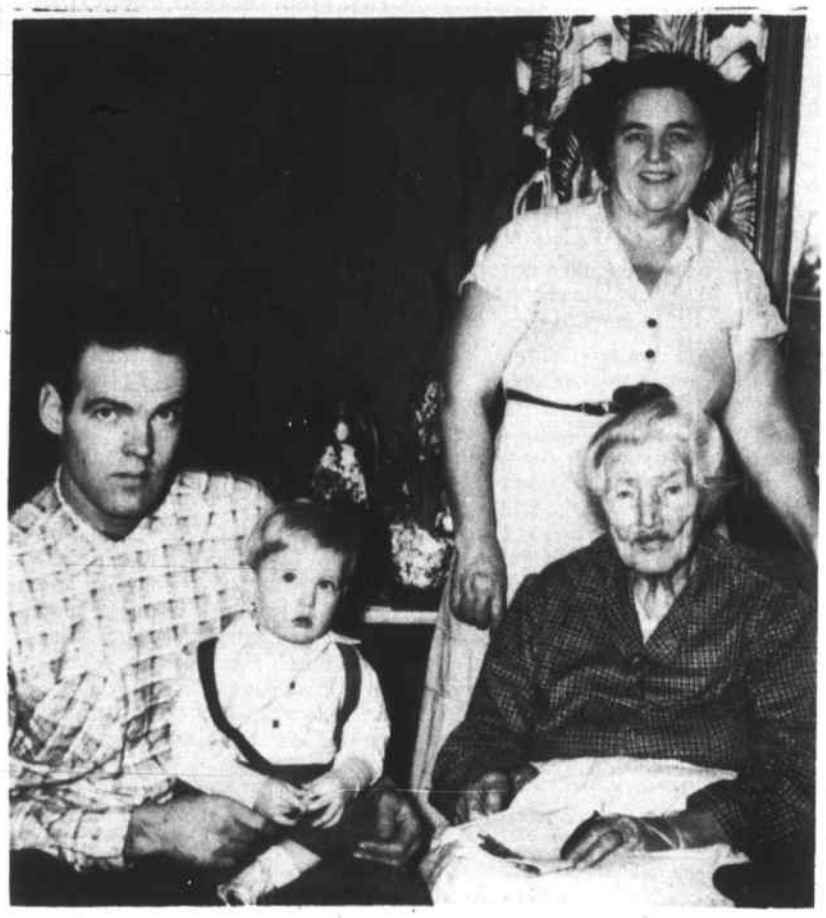
The treatment lasted until June, and in June the doctor cut my finger, where it had been hurt, and then sewed it up again. He took five stitches, and on the fifth stitch the needle broke. There were several other doctors there, who were sort of holding my shoulders. The doctor had to cut my finger again, to get the broken needle out, and it hurt terribly bad, because it was so tender.

The hand soon healed. On June 25th she became the bride of Capt. Olaf C. Hansen, the pilot who had brought her ship into Boston harbor. He was Norwegian, from the very north of Norway. The couple lived in East Boston, but after a few years her husband died, of pneumonia.

Sixty years ago she married this time, another Norwegian, John H. Benson, and moved to Providence for four or five years, after which they moved to East Boston. She moved to Wilmington in 1937, to live with her daughter, Mrs. Caughey.

The old lady is still in full possession of her faculties. She crochets when she isn't watching television. (Her favorite programs are wrestling and the fights). Her crochet work is of a very fine texture. She had never done any commercial work, although at one time she was offered a good salary by a Boston department store to sit in the window and do her work. Instead she makes things to give to friends. Father Lane, of St. Theresa's Church, in North Reading has an Alb (which is a crocheted garment worn by Catholic priests), which Mrs. Benson made for him last Christmas, and the Easter before she presented the church with a set of crocheted altar cloths. She has made many items for Cahholic clergymen, and it is said that her handiwork has been carried to every continent, by these clergymen.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Caughey, there are two others, and grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.



MRS MARGUERITE BENSON, WITH DESCENDANTS
WITH MRS. BENSON ARE HER DAUGHTER, MRS. MARTIN CAUGHEY HER GRANDSON, MARTIN JR., AND HER GREATGRANDSON, THOMAS

FORMER TOWN MANAGER FACES CRITICISM IN GLOUCESTER

Last Saturday, February 18th Mayor Beatrice K. Corliss of Gloucester said that some city councilmen are 'dissatisfied' with the administration of City Manager Dean M. Cushing, who was Wilmington's former Town Manager, and 'feel there should be a change'.

Mayor Corliss denied, however that she was necessarily opposed to Cushing's re-election to the $9500. a year post. Cushing, a hold-over appointment of the old council, could be dismissed at any time by a majority vote of the nine member council.

Last Friday, Mayor Corliss and three other councilmen interviewed a potential candidate.

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WILMINGTON - READING HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

LINWOOD KEMP OF WILMINGTON, PRESENTING THE REBUTTAL FOR HIS TEAM, DURING THE DEBATE BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND READING HIGH SCHOOLS, LAST FRIDAY. BEHIND HIM MAY BE SEEN THE TWO TEAMS, WILMINGTON TO THE LEFT

MRS. IRENE E. BRANSCOMBE

Mrs. Irene E. Branscombe (Sumner), wive of Elmer R. Branscombe of Main Street died on Monday February 13th at the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn. She would have celebrated her 48th birthday last Saturday. She was very active in her church affairs and a member of the Wilmington Women's Club.

Survivors are her husband and one son, Robert, and one daughter, Mrs. Ann Spring, all residing at Main Street; her mother, Mrs. Alice Sumner of Wilmington; three brothers, Charles, of Everett; William, of Reading; and George, of Wilmington; one sister Mrs. Alice Hoerning of New York City.

Funeral services were held under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard E. Harding officiating. Burial services wrre in the Wildwood cemetery.

METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE TO FEATURE SLIDES OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The Annual Church Conference of the Wilmington Methodist Church will be held on Friday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m.

A ham dimer will be served at this time under the supervision of Mrs. W. Frazer Butt. Members of the Youth groups will serve tables and help clean-up after the dinner.

Rev. Willard C. Arnold will preside at the conference which will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. with devotions being led by Ariel Wood, local preacher of the church.

Organizational reports and plans will be given by the respective chairmen and presidents, and plans will be made for the 75th Anniversary celebration to be held in the fall of this year.

Slides prepared by the church Architect, Arland A. Dirlam will be shown at the conference and a complete report given by the chairman of the Building Council, William Campbell.

SALVATION ARMY SPEAKER AT ROTARY

Ralph Swanson, Program Chmn and Colonel Ralph Miller, at Rotary Club, last week.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ralph A Allen and wife to Walter F. McCarthy and wife, Fay Street.

John P Amaral to Joseph Enos and wife, Sheldon Avenue

Albert L Brindamour and wife to George Vokey and assoc. Oakdale Road.

Michael Catone to Ralph L Langis and wife, Main street.

John D Cooke to Leonard Meaures, Jere Road

John D Cooke to Mabel L Sullivan, Wilmington Acres.

Drinkwater Realty Tr. to Edward C. Small, Concord Street.

Leroy Ferguson to David V Mrakovich and wife, Ferguson Road

Ernest W Keener and wife to Edward L Packard and wife, John Street.

Manuel Lopez to John E Grover and wife, Wilson Street.

Bernard P McMahon and wife to Edward Cavanaugh and wife, Wilmington Square Park.

Eva G Ripley to Charles F Robinson, Park Street.

Rounds Realty Co to Harrold B Hubby and wife, Gunderson Road South.

Emma A Sargent by Admx to Donald E Kirby and assoc. Woburn Street.

Emma A Sargent by Admx to Edgar Case and wife, Wildwood St

Anthony Signore Inc to Hayward W. Adams and wife, Arlene Ave.

Edward C Small to Drinkwater Realty Tr. Concord Street.

George H Wessels and wife to Charles L Webb and wife, Norfolk Avenue.

Under Land Registration Act

Michael J Hall to Joseph J. Vacca and assoc. Randolph Road

Mort Peoples to Charles P Nickerson, Argonne Road and Woburn Street.

RE-ENLISTS FOR FIFTH TIME

CHARLES F LOUNSBURY, CHIEF HOSPITAL MAN IN THE US NAVY. BEING SWORN IN FOR HIS FIFTH ENLISTMENT BY CAPT FRANK P GILMORE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE US NAVAL HOSPITAL IN CHELSEA. LOUNSBURY HAS SERVED A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN YEARS IN THE NAVY. HE MAKES HIS HOME, WITH HIS FAMILY, ON SHADY LANE DRIVE IN NORTH WILMINGTON.

NORAH G. FROTTEN

Mrs. Norah (Ganlon) Frotten of Wildwood Street died on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Frank E. Frotten; a son, Arthur, of Wilmington; two daughters, Ann Marie of Wilmington and Mrs. Mary M. Copland of Los Altons, California

Funeral services took place from the Cavanaugh Funeral Home last Saturday morning and a solemn high requiem mass was celebrated at St. Thomas Villanova Church at nine o'clock.

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COMING EVENTS.

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing)

Thursday Feb 23

2:00 Handy Hands--Mrs. Leonard
3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Brown
3:15 Brownies-Mrs. Siteman
3:15 Busy Needles
6:30 M.E. boys basketball
7:30 Rainbow Girls Initiation at Masonic Hall
8:00 Cong. church choir rehearsal
8:00 M.E. Church choir rehearsal

Friday Feb 24

8:00 a.m. Lenten Service for young people in ME Church
3:15 Girl Scouts-Walker School
3:15 Brownies at M.E. Chc. Troops 154 and 207
7:00 Cong. Junior High basketball
7:00 Pack 57 SLBA
7:30 Pack 58 Charter night W.H.S cafeteria
8:30 Whist & penny sale Villanova H. CDA

Saturday Feb 25

7:30 Tr. 60 B.Scouts Court of Honor, Center School
8:15 Beta Chi Meet in Wakefield
Congl. Roller Skating pty.

Monday Feb 27

School opens
2:30 Troop 104-Library
3:15 Troop 137-ME Church
3:15 Troop 192-Wildwood Sch
3:15 Brownies at Mrs. McCabe's
3:30 Brownies-Mrs. Anderson
3:30 Hobby Club
3:10 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Hancock
3:45 Girl Scouts-Mrs. Sawyer
7:00 Congl. Senior High Basketball
7:30 Business Night at Town Hall

Tuesday Feb 28

3:15 Troop 102-Mrs. Blake
3:15 Troop 219-Mrs. Rosa
3:15 Brownies-Mrs. DeAvignon
3:15 Troop 222-Congl Ch
3:15 Troop 232-Congl Ch
3:15 Troop 225 at Balch's & Marcy's alternately
3:15 G Scouts Mrs M Butt
3:15 G Scouts Mrs S Lyons
3:15 G Scouts - Mrs Slater
3:30 Brownies, ME Church
8:00 Grange Card Party at Margaret Calnan's

8:00 a.m. Lenten Service for Young people at the Congl. Church
8:00 Candidates Night at Baldwin Civic Club
8:00 PTA Meeting with Dr. Nicholas Wells, spkr

Wednesday Feb 29

3:15 Troop 106 at Sheehan's
3:15 Girl Scouts-Mrs. E. Moore
3:15 Brownies-Mrs. O'Hare
7:00 Troop 56 Congl. Church
7:00 Troop 60 at Richard Miller's, Hathaway Road
7:30 Pilot Group at MEChurch

Saturday March 3

Town Election

Sunday March 4

'Christ the King' film at Villanova Hall

Tuesday Mar. 6

7:00 Am. Leg. Service officer-Leg. H., vets widows

Saturday March 10

Annual Town Meeting

Wednesday March 14

Green Whist-Villanova H.

Friday March 16

Circus priest
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Thursday, Friday & Saturday April 8, 9, & 10
Villanova Minstrel Show

Thursday April 19
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MARGARET CALNAN ENGAGED

Mrs. Margeret H. Calnan of 6 Wild Avenue has announced the engagement of her daughter, Margeret R., to Donald W. O'Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. O'Connell of 5 Hunt Road, Wilmington.

Miss Calnan is a graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1953, and Mr. O'Connell of the class of 1951. The latter has served two years in the Army and is now employed by the Mass. Caterers in Medford. Miss Calnan is working as a secretary for the Factory Mutual Engineering Division.

The Wedding is planned for June 17th.

CHARLIE GOOGINS HEARS AND SEES A REAL COWBOY

Nine year old Charlie Googins of Sudbury Avenue, a very very sick boy, in the Massachusetts General Hospital, wants very much to go to Texas, and see real cowboys. He can't, because he recently underwent brain surgery, but the Boston Daily Record brought a Cowboy to him, which is perhaps the next best substitute. Above, Charlie listens to 'Cowboy Billy' Parker of Revere, while Nurse Theresa Connors looks on.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, March 1, 1956 at 8:30 pm on the request of Frank Mango, of 220 Burlington Ave., for permission tp erect a house on Lot 30 Patricia Circle, with less than 100 foot frontage.

Walter L Hale Jr.
Secy, Bd of Appeals

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Wilmington will hold four public hearings, in the Town Hall, on February 28th, to act upon articles pertaining to zoning, in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting.

At 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by extending the neighborhood business zone at the northeasterly corner of West and Lowell Streets easterly along Lowell Street 250 feet, with a depth not to exceed 280 feet and a total area of 60,000 square feet, or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Minot J. Anderson and others.

At 8:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing the Zoning District Classification from Commercial to Industrial for that section of land bounded as follows: Beginning on the westerly side of Main Street at the corner of Butters Row, thence northerly along Main Street about 1292 feet, thence westerly to the Boston & Maine Railroad, thence southerly by said railroad to Butters Row, thence easterly along Butters Row, to the point of beginning, or do anything in relation thereto, on petition of Roger T. Hayden.

At 9:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to change the Zoning Law by increasing the existing 600 foot distance between the northern boundary of the Industrial zone and Suncrest Avenue, westerly from West Street and parallel with Suncrest Avenue, to 1000 feet or do anything in relation thereto. On petition of Bertil I. Skoglund and others.

At 9:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing that section of land starting at the corner of Main Street and Oakwood Road and running along Oakwood Road for a distance of 325 feet and thence turning and running towards Williams Street in a parallel line to Main Street for a distance of 100 feet, thence turning and running in a parallel line to Oakwood Road to Main Street, and thence along Main Street to Oakwood Road and point of beginning, so that the same shall be General Business District or do anything in relation theretol on petition of Isabel Cushing and others.

William K. Irwin, Secretary
Wilmington Planning Board